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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE TIMOR - REPORTS OF STATEMENTS BY PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR

1. INDONESIA'S MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS HAS CIRCULATED
AS A PRESS RELEASE, DATED MAY 12, THE FOLLOWING REPORTS BASED
ON STATEMENTS BY PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR SOURCES:

QUOTE:

1. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR TO EXTEND
INVITATIONS TO THE UN COMMITTEE OF 24 AND TO JOURNALISTS

THE EAST TIMOR PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS PLANNED TO
INVITE THE U.N. COMMITTEE OF 24 AND NEWSMEN FROM SEVERAL
COUNTRIES TO SEE THE REAL SITUATION IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY.
INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THOSE CONCERNED IN THE NEAR
FUTURE BEFORE A DELEGATION OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
LEAVES FOR JAKARTA TO OFFICIALLY SUBMIT A STATEMENT ON THE
INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR INTO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.
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ARNALDO DOS REIS ARAUJO, EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL

GOVERNMENT, SAID IN DILI THAT THE INVITEES COULD ENTER ANY AREA THEY WANT AND ASK THE LOCAL PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR GENUINE ASPIRATIONS. ARAUJO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TWO GROUPS OF INVITEES COULD GIVE OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTIONS ON WHAT REALLY HAPPENS IN THE TERRITORY TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, ESPECIALLY TO A FEW COUNTRIES WHICH HAD BEEN SO FAR FOOLED BY "FRETILIN" INSTIGATIONS.

"FRETILIN" LEADERS WHO FLED THE TERRITORY AND NOW HIDING ABROAD INCLUDING RAMOS HORTA, ROGERIO LOBATO AND MARI ALKATERI, DO NOT KNOW THE REAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR, HE STRESSED. THEY FLED AFTER SACRIFICING THEIR FANATIC FOLLOWERS, ARAUJO ADDED. TOUCHING ON THE SELF-STYLED "RADIO MAUBERE", ARAUJO SAID THAT THE BROADCASTING STATION WAS NOT LOCATED IN EAST TIMOR TERRITORY, BUT AT A CERTAIN PLACE ABROAD. ACCORDING TO HIM, THE RADIO HAS CLOSE CONNECTION WITH RAMOS HORTA'S EFFORTS TO RENEW AN ILLEGAL BROADCASTING STATION IN DARWIN SEIZED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT A FEW MONTHS AGO.

MEANWHILE, A STATEMENT AIRED BY RADIO DILI MONITORED IN KUPANG SAID THAT THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTING PRINCIPLES OF RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE EAST TIMORESE PEOPLE. BUT IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE WILL ACCEPT ANY PORTUGUESE ACTIVITY IN THE TERRITORY, THE STATEMENT STRESSED. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLVE OF ALL EAST TIMORESE PEOPLE, FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF PORTUGUESE OCCUPATION IN THE TERRITORY. ON THE PLANNED REVISIT BY U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL ENVOY, WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI, TO EAST TIMOR, THE STATEMENT CLARIFIED THAT GUICCIARDI COULD ONLY MAKE CONTACTS WITH THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AS THE SOLE RULING POWER IN EAST TIMOR.

REPRESENTATIVES OF EAST TIMOR WILL SHORTLY LEAVE TO JAKARTA TO HAND IN A STATEMENT EXPRESSING READINESS TO INTEGRATE INTO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. THIS IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BECAUSE THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY IS NOW PREPARED TO EMBARK ON A LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT DRIVE. EAST TIMORESE ARE DETERMINED TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS AND NOT DEPEND ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THE WORLD AS IT WOULD TAKE A VERY LONG TIME. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR WILL NOT ONLY INVITE THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF 24 AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN BUT ALSO REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL FRIENDLY NATIONS TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE SITUATION NOW PREVAILING IN THE TERRITORY, RADIO DILI WAS MONITORED AS SAYING.

THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS AT STAKE IF

IT FAILS TO RECOGNIZE IN TIME THE INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR WITH INDONESIA, JAO PEDRO SOARES, MILITARY COMMANDER OF MANATUTO DISTRICT WAS QUOTED AS SAYING ON MAY 1. HE SAID THAT EAST TIMORESE WOULD NOT CONFIDE IN THE UNITED NATIONS IF THE ORGANIZATION FAILED TO SOLVE THE EAST TIMOR ISSUE. SOARES' OPINIONS WERE RECORDED IN A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS HELD RECENTLY. THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD INIFY THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF THE EAST TIMORESE PEOPLE, HE ADDED. "IT IS UNWORTHY OF UNITED NATIONS' FUNCTION IF IT CARES FOR THE VOICE OF THE MINIRITY", SOARES SAID. "WE DO NOT WANT OTHER ALTERNATIVES EXCEPT AN INTEGRATION WITH INDONESIA, AND MAY GOD HELP US", HE SAID. PEDRO SOARES AND HIS FATHER, THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF FRETELIN IN THE MANATUTO DISTRICT, SUBMITTED A STATEMENT IN MID-JANUARY DECLARING THE ALLEGIANCE OF THE WHOLE TROPA MEMBERS IN THE DISTRICT TO THE EAST TIMOR PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE WOULD GIVE UP HIS MILITARY CAREER AND TURN INTO A FARMER INTENT TO BUILD THE REGION TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE. PEDRO ANTONIO, EDUCATION HEAD OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE FUTURE OF THE LOCAL STUDENTS WHO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES IN THE UNIVERSITIES IF THE EAST TIMOR ISSUE WERE NOT SOLVED IN TIME. HE SAID EAST TIMOR HAS NO UNIVERSITY DESPITE 500 YEARS UNDER PORTUGAL. GRADUATES WENT TO LISBON TO FURTHER STUDIES. THE INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMORESE INTO INDONESIA WILL ENABLE EAST TIMORESE STUDENTS TO STUDY IN INDONESIAN UNIVERSITIES, HE ADDED. MRS. MANIA OSORJO SOARES, WIFE OF THE LATE OSORJO SOARES, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE APODETI PARTY WHO WAS KILLED BY THE HANDS OF FRETELIN TROOPS, SAID SHE WOULD STOP MOURNING ONLY AFTER EAST TIMOR HAS BEEN INTEGRATED WITH INDONESIA. THE BEREAVED HOUSEWIFE SAID SHE WOULD CONTINUE STRUGGLING FOR THE UNION OF EAST TIMOR WITH INDONESIA. A MOTHER OF SIX CHILDREN, MRS. SOARES

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IS ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING A COOPERATIVE ESTABLISHED BY THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. SHE HOPED HERE CONTRIBUTION WOULD PROVIDE BASIC CAPITAL FOR THE FUTURE OF EAST TIMORESE YOUNGER GENERAATION. SHE OUTRIGHTLY ACCUSED CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF TRAMPLING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE EAST TIMORESE PEOPLE BY DELIBERATELY SLOWING DOWN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM. SHE VEHEMENTLY PROTESTED AGAINST PORTUGAL'S INHUMAN DIVIDE AND RULE TACTICS WHICH HAD LED TO THE FIGHTING AND KILLING AMONG BROTHERS.

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EAST TIMORESE ARE GETTING IMPATIENT WHEN IT COMES TO JOINING THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, AS CAN BE SEEN IN EVENTS TAKING PLACE ALMOST DAILY, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION, IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY, BENYAMIN MELO, 23, WHO ONCE HEADED A DELEGATION OF EAST TIMORESE TO SUBMIT A PETITION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPECIAL ENVOY FOR EAST TIMOR AFFAIRS, VITTORIO WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI, SAID THE PEOPLE IN THE ISLAND WANTED IMMEDIATE INTEGRATION INTO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO SOLVE THE EAST TIMOR QUESTION, SHOULD IN FACT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE ASPIRATIONS OF EAST TIMORESE, BENYAMIN MELO SAID. DELAYED INTEGRATION INTO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, THEREFORE IS TANTAMOUNT TO DISREGARDING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE EAST TIMORESE, HE ADDED. THIS, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS AN ACCUSATION THAT SEVERAL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS HAD FALLEN INTO TRAPS SET BY A SMALL NUMBER OF MEN CALLING THEMSELVES MEMBERS OF THE FRETELIN. NO POWER IN THE WORLD CAN CHECK THE DESIRE OF EAST TIMORESE TO JOIN THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

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2. STATEMENT BY MR. CARASCALAO, DEPUTY LEADER OF EAST TIMOR
DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

THE SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR EAST TIMOR AFFAIRS, WINSPEARE GUICCIARDI, SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE TERRITORY AGAIN, PROVIDED NO DETAILS ABOUT HIS PLAN WHEN HE MET THE LEADERS OF EAST TIMOR IN GENEVA RECENTLY. MARIO CARASCALAO, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF EAST TIMOR, WHO MET WITH GUICCIARDI IN GENEVA STATED IN JAKARTA, MAY 4, THE EAST TIMOR MISSION DISCUSSED VIARIOUS ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE DECOLONIZATION OF THE TERRITORY, "BUT IN GENEVA GUICCIARDI DID NOT TOUCH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF HIS SECOND VISIT TO THE FORMER COLONY", CARASCALAO STATED, GUICCIARDI'S PLANNED VISIT TO EAST TIMOR HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY TH UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN IT ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO THAT EXTENT RECENTLY. THE MEETING IN GENEVA TOOK PLACE WHEN CARASCALAO AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE ON THEIR WAY BACK FROM NEW YORK (AFTER ATTENDING THE U.N.S.C. DEBATE ON EAST TIMOR) TO JAKARTA. THE EAST TIMOR DELEGATION WAS LED BY ATSABE MARIA GONCALVES.

EAST TIMORESE LEADER MARIO CARASCALAO SAID ON MAY 4, THAT MATTERS RELATED TO THE INTEGRATION OF THE REGION WITH INDONESIA WOULD BE SETTLED BEFORE NEXT AUGUST. SPEAKING BEFORE A PRSS CLUB CONFERENCE IN JAKARTA, HE MADE CLEAR THE RECENT STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK ON THE DATE FOR THE FORMAL INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR WITH ONDONESIA. CARASCALAO, A 39 OLD ENGINEER, WAS SPEAKING AD DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE EAST TIMOR PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO THE RECENT UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL SESSIONS IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THE UNION OF EAST TIMOR WITH INDONESIA WOULD MATERIALIZE IN TIME AS INDICATED BY MIISTER MALIK. CARASCALAO, HOWEVER, DID NOT GIVE DETAILS. HE SAID THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE TO UNITE WITH INDONESIA HAD BEEN FORMULATED IN A PETITION BY EAST TIMOR NATIONAL FRONT. THE PETITION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, CARASCALAO SAID. HE SAID THE PETITION WOULD FIRST BE RATIFIED BY AN EAST TIMOR PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY NOW UNDER FORMATION. "IF THE PETITION IS RATIFIED, THERE IS NO REASON FOR NOT INTEGRATING WITH INDONESIA", CARASCALAO SAID. HE ADDED THE PETITION FORMULATED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY THE NATIONAL FRONT WAS NOT MUCH DIFFERENT TO THE ONE SUBMITTED LATE IN 1975 TO THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT. THE FIRST PETITION WAS SIGNED BY THE LEADERS OF APODETI, UDT, KOTA AND TRABALHISTA PARTIES. "NOW THAT THE FOUR PARTIES HAVE DISSOLVED THEMSELVES AND ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE NATIONAL FRONT, THE FRONT REAFFIRMS THE WISHES

OF THE PEOPLE IN A PETITION TO BE PRESENTED SOON TO THE
INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT BY THE EAST TIMOR PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT",
HE ADDED, "AFTER THE PETITION IS RATIFIED BY THE PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY, WHICH IS NOW BEING FORMED, THE DECOLONISATION
OF EAST TIMOR WILL THEN BE FINALISED", CARRASCALAO SAID.
ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A REFERENDUM, HE
ANSWERED THAT COULD NOT BE CONDUCTED. "HOW CAN WE CONDUCT
A ONE-MAN ONE-VOET IN EAST TIMOR WHERE THERE IS NO TRANSPOR-
TATION AND A 90 PERCENT ILLITERACY", HE ASKED. HE ADDED,
TRADITIONAL CHIEFS KNEW BETTER WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT.
"THE TRIBAL CHIEFS ARE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, AND IF
THEY DON'T COMPLY WITH THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE, THEY
WOULD PUT THE CHIEFS DOWN", HE SAID. THE BEST WAY TO KNOW
THE PEOPLE'S WISHES WAS THROUGH THEIR TRADITIONAL
CHIEFS, HE SAID.

"THE PEOPLE'S WISHES ARE WELL REPRESENTED BY THE
TRADITIONAL CHIEFS WHO WILL SIT IN THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY",
HE SAID. "THEY ARE THE BEST REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE,"
SAID MARIO CARASCALAO WHO WAS FLANKED BY TWO OTHER EAST
TIMORESE LEADERS IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE, NAMELY DR.
JOSE GONCALVES, A FORMER FRETELIN LEADER, AND PEDRO SOARES, FORMER
COMMANDER OF THE MANATUTU DISTRICT TROOPS. FOR OTHER BIG
CITIES LIKE DILI AND BACAO, ACCORDING TO CARRASCALAO,
DIFFERENT PROCEDURES WOULD HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED IN THE PROCESS
OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HE SAID THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY
WOULD COMPRISE ABOUT 400 TO 500 REPRESENTATIVES TO MATCH
THE NUMBER OF TRADITIONAL CHIEFS IN EAST TIMOR. WITHIN
THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, HE ADDED, THE ASSEMBLY WILL SIT FOR
THE FIRST TIME. ASKED WHICH TYPE OF AUTONOMY EAST TIMOR
WOULD LKIE TO HAVE AFTER BEING INTEGRATED WITH INDONESIA,
CARRASCALAO REPLIED: "SIMILAR WITH OTHER PROVINCES
NATURALLY" HE ADDED, "THERE WILL BE A TRANSITIONAL PERIOD".
HE STRESSED THAT EAST TIMORESE WOULD SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS
WITHOUT THE INTERFERENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES. HE SAID EAST
TIMORESE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE INDONESIAN CIVILIAN
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VOLUNTEERS TO HELP THE PEOPLE DEVELOP THE REGION. AFTER
THE WAR HAS ENDED, HE ADDED, EAST TIMOR WOULD NOT NEED
ARMED VOLUNTEERS. "WE NEED MORE DOCTORS, NURSES, TEACHERS,
FOR DEVELOPMENT", HE SAID. DURING THE 400-YEAR PORTUGUESE
COLONISATION, EAST TIMOR GAINED NOTHING IN EDUCATION
AND DEVELOPMENT. CARRASCALAO, A FORESTRY ENGINEER,
AND DR. JOSE GONCALVES (ECONOMIST) WERE TWO OF THE 12
EAST TIMORESE EVER GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITIES.

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ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE BACKGROUND OF JOSE MARTINS, FORMER LEADER OF THE PRO-INDONESIA KOTA PARTY, CARRASCALAO SAID. "MARTINS IS A MAN WHO LOOKS FOR MONEY. MARTINS HAS CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS EAST TIMOR. IN THE UNITED NATIONS, MARTINS ONCE SPOKE IN FAVOUR OF EAST TIMOR, AND LATER CHANGED HIS ATTITUDE," CARASSCALAO RECALLED. HE SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE IN PORTUGAL, HIS BIRTHPLACE. "I CAN'T BELIEVE MARTINS KNOWS ABOUT EAST TIMOR", HE SAID. COMMENTING ON RAMOS HORTA MAKING AUSTRALIA AS HIS BASE, CARASCALAO SAID THE FREILIN CHIEF HAD ONLY FEW FRIENDS AMONG LABOUR UNIONISTS AND STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SUPPORT HORTA", HE SAID.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF KOTA (PARTAI KLIBUR AND TIMOR ASWAIN), TOMAS DIAS XIMENES, HAS CONDEMNED JOSE MORTINS FOR CHANGING THE CONTENTS OF A JOINT PROCLAMATION TEXT SIGNED IN BALIBO. WHAT MARTINS DID, HE ADDED, WAS AN ACT OF TREASON. MARTINS HAS NO RIGHT TO MAKE THE CHANGES IN THE TEXT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE OTHER PARTIES - APODETI, UDT AND TRABALHISTA. XIMENES MADE THE

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STATEMENT ON APRIL 29, 1976, IN RESPONSE TO JOSE MARTIN'S
STATEMENT WHICH WAS RECENTLY BROADCAST BY RADIO AUSTRALIA.
HE ADMITTED THAT JOSE MARTINS HAD BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY
BY KOTA TO SIGN THE JOINT PROCLAMATION TEXT CALLING FOR
EAST TIMOR'S INTEGRATION INTO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.
THIS, HOWEVER, DOES NOT MEAN THAT JOSE MARTINS COULD CHANGE
THE TEXT AT WILL. THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF EAST
TIMOR, HE SAID, WAS FORMED BY THE LEADERS OF FOUR POLITICAL
PARTIES IN THE REGION. ANY DECISION TAKEN IS THE RESULT
OF A COMPROMISE OF THE MAJORITY OF EAST TIMORESE.
XIMENES HOPED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
RE-EXAMINE THE ADVENTURES OF JOSE MARTINS, WHO DOES NOT
HESITATE TO DISTORT FACTS FOR PERSONAL GAINS.

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